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SUBJECT: FONMIN SPEECH WARNS AGAINST DANGERS TO UN OF STEAMROLLER
TACTICS

THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO US A COPY OF
A STATEMENT MADE BY FOREIGN MINISTER EINAR AGUSTSSON AT
THE NORDIC FONMINS MEETING IN HELSINKI MARCH 20-21.
IN IT, AGUSTSSON STRONGLY URGES NORDIC ACTION TO COUNTER-
ACT THE DANGER POSED TO THE UNITED NATIONS BY "RASHLY
CONCEIVED" RESOLUTIONS FORCED THROUGH THE UN
BY THE NUMERICALLY SUPERIOR DEVELOPING NATIONS. THE
STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC AND WAS PROVIDED TO
US ON A PRIVILEGED BASIS. EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION, IN
FULL, FOLLOWS:

"THE ROLE OF THE NORDIC COUNTRIES IN THE WORK OF THE
UNITED NATIONS HAS PROBABLY NEVER BEEN MORE IMPORTANT
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THAN IT IS NOW.

"THE 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MADE IT MORE OBVIOUS THAN EVER HOW QUICKLY DANGER CAN THREATEN THE UN -- DANGER THAT IT WILL BECOME A POWERLESS INSTITUTION WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF THOSE COUNTRIES AND GREAT POWERS THAT HAVE UNTIL NOW BEEN ITS MAINSTAYS.

"THEREFORE I CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THT THE NORDIC COUNTRIES USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO PREVENT THE ORGANIZATION FROM SPLITTING INTO BLOCS WITH THE RESULT THAT THE LARGER BLOC FORCES THROUGH RESOLUTIONS THAT ARE OFTEN RASHLY CONCEIVED AND IN VIOLATION OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OR INCONSISTENT WITH ITS SPIRIT. AS AN EXAMPLE, IT MIGHT BE MENTIONED THE USE OF DUBIOUS INTERPRETATION OF THE FOUNDING MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO DENY MEMBER STATES A FULL ROLE IN ITS ACTIVITIES.

"IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES HAS CHANGED THE NATURE OF THE INSTITUTION, AND THAT THE DEVELOPING NATIONS NOW HAVE A SIZEABLE MAJORITY. FULL ACCOUNT WILL BE TAKEN OF THIS CHANGED SITUATION, AND THE AIM WILL BE TO ARRIVE AT A RULE THAT MATTERS BE DECIDED BY THE ASSENT OF ALL (THE WORD "CONSENSUS," IN ENGLISH, FOLLOWS) WITHOUT A VOTE.

"IT IS NOT UNNATURAL THAT THE NORDIC COUNTRIES HAVE DIFFERING VIEWS ON VARIOUS ISSUES THAT ARE CONSIDERED AT THE UN, BUT THE MAIN GOAL TODAY MUST BE PREVENTION OF THE WEAKENING OF THE ORGANIZATIONS INFLUENCE IN THE WORLD.

"VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS AT THE 29TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAUSED UNEASINESS AMONG THE DELEGATES AND THE PUBLIC IN THE MORE DEVELOPED NATIONS, AND THERE HAS BEEN DISCUSSION OF REDUCING THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE UN IF THESE TRENDS CONTINUE. I KNOW THAT THIS IS NOT THE ATTITUDE OF THOSE MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS GATHERED HERE, BUT THESE EVENTS COULD GO TO SUCH LENGTHS THAT THEY WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GET BEYOND CONTROL.

"THE NORDIC COUNTRIES MUST THEREFORE WORK TOGETHER NOT ONLY IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BUT ALSO IN THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES OF THE UN TO PREVENT THE WEAKENING OF THESE INSTITUTIONS THROUGH THE POLITICAL ABUSES OF THE MAJORITY. WE ALL KNOW THAT THERE IS NO SOLUTION TO BE FOUND BY SUBSTITUTING OPEC DOLLARS FOR THE

CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. THE
UN AND ITS AGENCIES NEED THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL IF
THEY ARE TO CARRY OUT THEIR ROLE OF SAFEGUARDING PEACE
AND CONTRIBUTING TO THE INCREASED PROSPERITY AND
WELL-BEING OF ALL."
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